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SUBJECT: COUP IN NIGERIA

IN EARLY MORNING HOURS NIGERIA RADIO BEGAN ANNOUNCING
"CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP". COLONEL JOSEPH N. GARBA (COMMANDER
BRIGADE OF GUARDS) WAS ANNOUNCING AT 30-MINUTE INTERVALS THAT
(PARAPHRASE) IN VIEW OF WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN COUNTRY
NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE DECIDED TO EFFECT
CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN FMG. AS OF NOW GENERAL YAKUBU GOWON CEASES
TO BE HEAD OF STATE (GOWON PRESENTLY AT KAMPALA SUMMIT) AND
HEAD OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

2. GARBA, APPEALED TO CITIZENS TO BE CALM, DECLARED TODAY
"WORK-FREE DAY", DECLARED DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW, DECLARED
NIGERIAN AIRWAYS OPERATIONS SUSPENDED (IKEJA AND KANO INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORTS CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC) AND BORDERS CLOSED.
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GARBA SAID THE OPERATION HAD BEEN BLOODLESS, BUT
WARNED THE POPULACE TO BE LAW ABIDING. ANYONE DISTURBING
PUBLIC ORDER WOULD BE SUMMARILY DEALT WITH.

3. SOME OBSERVERS HAVE HEARD NAME BRIG. IBRAHIM B. M. HARUNA,
COMMANDER FIRST DIVISION KADUNA, MENTIONED
IN CONNECTION COUP WITH GARBA AS LAGOS SPOKESMAN.

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS AVAILABLE.

5. AMERICANS AND U.S. INSTALLATIONS UNHARNED.

6. TELEX SERVICE IS OUT THROUGHOUT THE CITY, BOTH CLASSIFIED
AND UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGES SHOULD BE PASSED VIA TCU LAGOS.
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